

OUR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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So far, our National Conference has not been requested to take under serious consideration, questions that have been considered and adjusted by the State Conference. We may never be asked to do so. And we may.

The relations, that ought to exist between State Conferences does not seem to be alive. It is a dead letter. It does seem that the relations existing between two or more State Conferences ought to be mutual.

As to the relations that ought to and do exist, between the State and National Conferences, I am not so well settled. I mean this: If a State Conference should consider and adjust some local matter, shall National Conference have the power to investigate and set aside the decision of the State Conference?

Is the National Conference a tribunal? If so, then she is of higher authority than the state or district. Thus far the National Conference has been no tribunal. That is not saying that she *cannot* be, nor that she *will not* be.

I think that sometime we will be asked to meet this question. Let us be ready to meet it when it comes. Some will say, "Do not cross the stream before you get there." Wisdom would dictate that it is well to consider the bridge or the fording place before we get to the river.

It is said that the executive committee has given us the best program for years. We ought to have therefore the best conference. You should go to the meeting, and go well prepared to do what the program calls you to do. May the Holy Spirit guide the meeting and fill every heart, and may the Father's will be done in all things.

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"THE BIG FOUR"

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Trusts, monopolies and combinations are numerous, presumably for the benefit of all, especially in the line of travel, for instance, "The Big Four." The Christian, however, is a party in a more glorious combination than has ever entered into the heart of man to conceive. He becomes a co-worker with God, an heir of heaven, and a joint heir with Jesus Christ upon certain conditions brought about by a living faith in the Lord Jesus.

"God, our Creator and Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Savior and Advocate, the Holy Ghost, our Guide and Comforter, and the word of God," the Bible, "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path," we will call the Holy Four, by permission, "The Big Four." "These four and no more," constitute the "Grand Trunkline" reaching from earth to glory.

He who travels on this line has no fear as to his destination. His surroundings are delightful, the scenery grand and his prospect glorious. "He sits, as it were, in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Now he ascends the "transfiguration heights," again

he is seen gliding swiftly thru the valley. When the sun is in the zenith he calmly rests "under the shadow of the Almighty," and when darkness and danger appear he knows "underneath are the everlasting arms." Thus by faith, "rejoicing in the Lord always and again rejoicing," he is traveling toward "a city whose builder and maker is God."

He who daily patronizes this way (I am the way, says Jesus) is "a child of God; if a child, an heir; an heir of God" to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for those who are kept by the power of God thru faith. I Pet. 1:4, 5.

Am I kept, are you kept? May God in his mercy ever keep us and to him be the glory thru Christ.

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LIQUID AIR

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As I sat and listened to the lecture and watched the experiments with liquid air, I began to think of the wonderful advances of physical science in the past twenty-five years. The electric telephone, the electric street cars, the x-rays, and safety bicycle have become well known to nearly everyone, but a quarter of a century ago these were unknown.

I remember well the first safety bicycle ridden in South Bend. It was looked upon with considerable doubt as to its being practical. The pneumatic tire looked large and awkward. Today we smile at the old one with a tall wheel.

The world was astonished when Routgen photographed the bones in the arm and coins in a purse. Today we look on in wonder when we see liquid air poured into an ice cup and then see iron burn with a bright glow and black berries freeze in the cup at the same moment and the cup remains unchanged.

But it is not only in physics that great strides have been made but in chemistry and the other sciences equal advances have been made. Twenty-five years ago the science of bacteriology was unknown. Today it is taught in all universities and medical colleges and is of greatest importance in the treatment of diseases. The benefit of these discoveries is incalculable. Doctors who have not taken a thorough course in bacteriology are unsafe and their treatment must of necessity be largely guesswork. How are these discoveries and inventions made? By some men who toil long and earnestly in their laboratories. It is not chance that brings these things about. It is the result of diligent labor and study. This brings me to the point I want to reach in this article.

This is a scientific age. Science is the most popular as well as the most useful study in the college curriculum today. We have a college at Ashland and its scientific outfit is very meager. We need apparatus and books. These studies are the studies the people want and at the same time they are the courses which yield you an income.

Brethren when you have some money to use in helping our beloved church remember the college. You have a faculty who are sacrificing the prime of their life for this institution and if it is to be thoroughly prosperous the brethren must help with money and students.

VISION AND SERVICE

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"And when they had lifted up their eyes they saw no man save Jesus only." Matt. 17:8.

"I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Acts 26:19.

Do people have visions today? Many claim to see visions and dream dreams. Some of them are from Christ—some are from the devil.

"Vision" as used here is not what we see in a trance, a dream, or a fit of ecstasy. Neither is it seeing ghosts, spectres or phantoms. It may be seen with the natural or spiritual eye. There are many instances of visions in the Bible—for illustration: Moses had a vision of God when up on the mountain; then the vision of Peter, James and John in the verse quoted. By "vision" we mean that strong conviction of duty that will lead us into action.

The one vision above all others that we should see is "Jesus only," and it can be possible only under such conditions as Peter, James and John saw it. Jesus took them apart—alone. So we can never see him as long as we are mingling with this old world. It must be in secret or in company with the people of God. After being alone they "lifted up their eyes"—looked above self and all the surroundings of earth. We must *look* and *listen*. Not all who hang about the king's court speak with the king; not all who hang about the court of heaven speak with the King, but only those who are in favor with the King.

When we look to "Jesus only" what do we see? Our blessed *Savior from sin*. As the people saw in the serpent a savior from disease of the body so we see in Jesus a Savior from the disease of the soul. To see Jesus clearly with the eye of faith is to see the deep opening a way from Egypt to freedom's shore; it is to see the water gush full and sparkling from the desert rock; it is to see a pardon when the noose is about our neck. There is no sight in the world like Jesus Christ with forgiveness on his lips and a crown in his blessed hand—it is worth laboring for, living for, praying for, suffering for, dying for.

We see not only our Savior but perfecter and keeper. We see not only the author but the finisher of our faith. Having passed thru all experiences He is able to help us, "keep us from falling and present us faultless before the presence of his glory." How many have seen in Him a keeper from the temptations of the evil one thru life and best of all a keeper in the time of death, putting His own perfection in their behalf.

In coming into his presence where his glory is revealed, we, like the disciples, may be "sore afraid." Can we not hear him say,